

HOUSE BILL 1351

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By: **Delegate Kipke**

Introduced and read first time: February 16, 2012

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Registered Sex Offenders – Prohibition – Halloween Activities**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting an individual registered with the State sex offender
4 registry from participating in any Halloween activity that involves children or
5 any activity offered as an alternative to Halloween that involves children;
6 establishing a certain penalty; and generally relating to sex offenders and
7 Halloween.

8 BY adding to

9 Article – Criminal Procedure
10 Section 11–722.1
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

15 **Article – Criminal Procedure**

16 **11–722.1.**

17 **(A) A REGISTRANT MAY NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY HALLOWEEN**
18 **ACTIVITY THAT INVOLVES CHILDREN OR ANY ACTIVITY OFFERED AS AN**
19 **ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWEEN THAT INVOLVES CHILDREN, INCLUDING:**

20 **(1) PARTICIPATING IN TRICK–OR–TREATING;**

21 **(2) DISTRIBUTING CANDY TO CHILDREN;**

22 **(3) ATTENDING A SCHOOL FUNCTION; AND**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(4) ATTENDING A COMMUNITY FESTIVAL.**

2 **(B) A PERSON WHO VIOLATES THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A**
3 **MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO IMPRISONMENT NOT**
4 **EXCEEDING 5 YEARS OR A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000 OR BOTH.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
6 July 1, 2012.